

PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS

S.J.R. No. 26, § 1

~~property exempt under a law adopted under Subdivision (2) of Subsection (d) of this section and not exempt from ad valorem taxation by any other law.]~~

SECTION 2. This proposed constitutional amendment shall be submitted to the voters at an election to be held November 2, 1999. The ballot shall be printed to permit voting for or against the proposition: "The constitutional amendment to authorize the legislature to exempt from ad valorem taxation leased motor vehicles not held by the lessee primarily to produce income."

Adopted by the Senate on March 25, 1999: Yeas 30, Nays 1; adopted by the House on May 19, 1999: Yeas 143, Nays 0, two present not voting.

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S.J.R. No. 22

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION

proposing a constitutional amendment increasing the maximum size of an urban homestead to 10 acres, prescribing permissible uses of urban homesteads, and preventing the overburdening of a homestead.

*BE IT RESOLVED BY THE Legislature of the State of Texas:*

SECTION 1. Section 51, Article XVI, Texas Constitution, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 51. The homestead, not in a town or city, shall consist of not more than two hundred acres of land, which may be in one or more parcels, with the improvements thereon; the homestead in a city, town or village, shall consist of lot or *contiguous* lots amounting to not more than 10 acres [~~one acre~~] of land, together with any improvements on the land; provided, that the *homestead in a city, town or village* [~~same~~] shall be used for the purposes of a home, or as *both an urban home and* a place to exercise a [~~the~~] calling or business, of the homestead claimant, whether a single adult person, or the head of a family; provided also, that any temporary renting of the homestead shall not change the character of the same, when no other homestead has been acquired; *provided further that a release or refinance of an existing lien against a homestead as to a part of the homestead does not create an additional burden on the part of the homestead property that is unreleased or subject to the refinance, and a new lien is not invalid only for that reason.*

SECTION 2. This proposed constitutional amendment shall be submitted to the voters at an election to be held November 2, 1999. The ballot shall be printed to provide for voting for or against the proposition: "The constitutional amendment increasing the maximum size of an urban homestead to 10 acres, prescribing permissible uses of urban homesteads, and preventing the overburdening of a homestead."

Adopted by the Senate on March 18, 1999: Yeas 29, Nays 2; adopted by the House on May 21, 1999: Yeas 138, Nays 1, two present not voting.

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S.J.R. No. 26

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION

proposing a constitutional amendment relating to compensation for state employees serving as members of local governing boards.

*BE IT RESOLVED BY THE Legislature of the State of Texas:*

SECTION 1. Section 40, Article XVI, Texas Constitution, is amended to read as follows:

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Sec. 40. No person shall hold or exercise at the same time, more than one civil office of emolument, except that of Justice of the Peace, County Commissioner, Notary Public and Postmaster, Officer of the National Guard, the National Guard Reserve, and the Officers Reserve Corps of the United States and enlisted men of the National Guard, the National Guard Reserve, and the Organized Reserves of the United States, and retired officers of the United States Army, Air Force, Navy, Marine Corps, and Coast Guard, and retired warrant officers, and retired enlisted men of the United States Army, Air Force, Navy, Marine Corps, and Coast Guard, and the officers and directors of soil and water conservation districts, unless otherwise specially provided herein. Provided, that nothing in this Constitution shall be construed to prohibit an officer or enlisted man of the National Guard, and the National Guard Reserve, or an officer in the Officers Reserve Corps of the United States, or an enlisted man in the Organized Reserves of the United States, or retired officers of the United States Army, Air Force, Navy, Marine Corps, and Coast Guard, and retired warrant officers, and retired enlisted men of the United States Army, Air Force, Navy, Marine Corps, and Coast Guard, and officers of the State soil and water conservation districts, from holding at the same time any other office or position of honor, trust or profit, under this State or the United States, or from voting at any election, general, special or primary in this State when otherwise qualified. State employees or other individuals who receive all or part of their compensation either directly or indirectly from funds of the State of Texas and who are not State officers, shall not be barred from serving as members of the governing bodies of school districts, cities, towns, or other local governmental districts[; ~~provided, however, that such State employees or other individuals shall receive no salary for serving as members of such governing bodies~~]. It is further provided that a nonelective State officer may hold other nonelective offices under the State or the United States, if the other office is of benefit to the State of Texas or is required by the State or Federal law, and there is no conflict with the original office for which he receives salary or compensation. No member of the Legislature of this State may hold any other office or position of profit under this State, or the United States, except as a notary public if qualified by law.

SECTION 2. This proposed constitutional amendment shall be submitted to the voters at an election to be held November 2, 1999. The ballot shall be printed to permit voting for or against the proposition: "The constitutional amendment allowing state employees to receive compensation for serving as a member of a governing body of a school district, city, town or other local governmental district."

Adopted by the Senate on April 22, 1999: Yeas 29, Nays 0; adopted by the House on May 18, 1999: Yeas 144, Nays 1, one present not voting.

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